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German Democratic Republic

FDD Abstract of [REDACTED]

INFORMATION ON HALLE MACHINE PLANT

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25X1A This photostat document [REDACTED] (6 pages, undated) on the VVB Nagema (Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Machinery for the Food-Processing, Refrigeration, and Chemical Industries) Machine Plant in Halle and a sketch of the plant (4 pages, dated 28 September 1948).

The report gives the name and exact location of the plant; a few details on production plan fulfillment, and number of workers; a detailed list of equipment, shop by shop (boring mills, lathes, etc.); information on power supply and raw materials supply; reasons for poor output; a description of how the plant is guarded; and a list of the more important plant personnel.

The plant makes filter presses of all sizes, complete installations for sugar factories, large refrigerating systems, heavy-duty pumps; equipment for margarine factories, chemical factories, etc; it is also making rolling mills and blast furnace equipment for Buckau-Wolff, Magdeburg, according to Soviet designs. The Plan for 1952 amounts to 19,200,000 Deutsche marks and includes 6 mine-freezing installations for Poland***. The plant employs 2,300 persons.

*** According to a new method, gallery walls in the mines are to be frozen instead of braced with pit props; this method will conserve timber.

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